LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2002, upon the application of EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Rodessa Zone**, **Reservoir A**, in the West Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Rodessa Zone, Reservoir A.
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Rodessa Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being designated ROD RA SUA, and being shown on the plat submitted with the application.
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 4. To designate an operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.
- 5. To provide that future wells drilled to the Rodessa Zone, Reservoir A, be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
- 6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Rodessa Zone, Reservoir A, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir so warrant and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
- 7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Rodessa Zone, Reservoir A, in the West Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is defined as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 5,688' and 5,887' (ELM) in the El Paso Production Company (formerly Sonat Exploration Company) - Merritt D No. 1 Well, located in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 24, Township 17 North, Range 7 West.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Shreveport**, Louisiana or may be found at the following site:

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm.

- 3 -<u>WEST BRYCELAND FIELD</u> 02-469

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

JAMES H. WELSH COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La 7/10/02;7/13/02 S dpe

IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION - ENGINEERING DIVISION ATP. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.